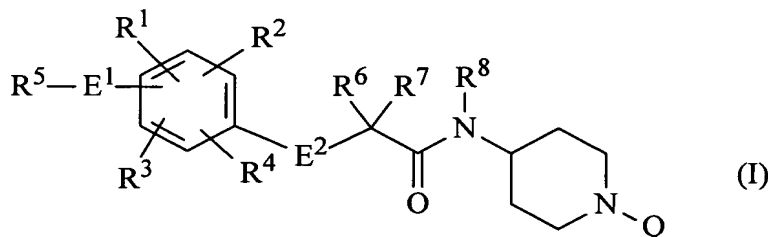


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An aminophenoxyacetamide derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein:

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

R^5 , R^6 , R^7 and R^8 are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

E^1 is group $-NR^9-$ (in which, R^9 is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group);

E^2 is oxygen atom or group $-NR^{10}-$ (in which, R^{10} is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group which may be substituted);

Q is a group of $-X-Y-Q'$, wherein X is a connecting bond, lower alkyl group, lower alkenyl group, or lower alkynyl group; Y is a connecting bond, or a group selected from the groups consisting of $C=O$, $C(=O)NH$, $NHC(=O)$, $-O-$, $-S-$, $CH(OH)$, $-O-CH(OH)-$ and $-O-CH_2-CH(OH)-$, in which hydrogen atom of amido group may be substituted with lower alkyl

group; and Q' is hydrogen atom or a cyclic group selected from the group consisting of phenyl group, pyridyl group, quinolyl group, isoquinolyl group, benzothiazole group, benzimidazole group, morpholinyl group, and cyclic hydrocarbon group, ~~and saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group~~, wherein one or more of the hydrogen atoms in the cyclic group of Q' may be substituted;

either in the case that E² is the group -NR¹⁰- then X and Y are both connecting bond and Q' is not hydrogen atom; or in the case that E² is the group -O- then all of the groups R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are methyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The aminophenoxyacetamide derivative of formula (I) claimed in claim 1, wherein X and Y are both connecting bond; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The aminophenoxyacetamide derivative of formula (I) claimed in claim 1, wherein one of X and Y is other than connecting bond and E² is the group -O- and all of the groups of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are other than hydrogen atom, wherein X, Y, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are the same as defined above in claim 1; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 4-21 (Canceled).

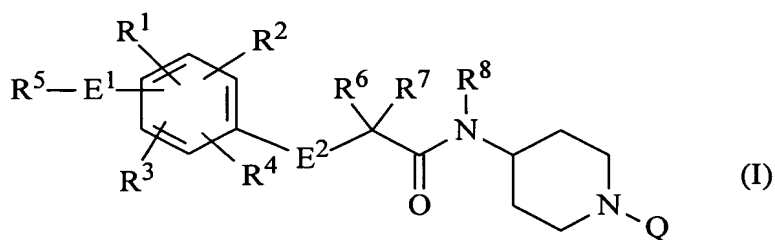
Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising an aminophenoxyacetamide derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represented by the formula (I) in claim 1 as an active ingredient.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising an aminophenoxyacetamide derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represented by the formula (I) in claim 2 as an active ingredient.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A composition comprising an aminophenoxyacetamide derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represented by the formula (I) in claim 3 as an active ingredient.

Claims 25-49 (Canceled).

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): An aminophenoxyacetamide derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein:

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

R⁵ R⁶ R⁷ and R⁸ are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

E¹ is group -NR⁹- (in which, R⁹ is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group);

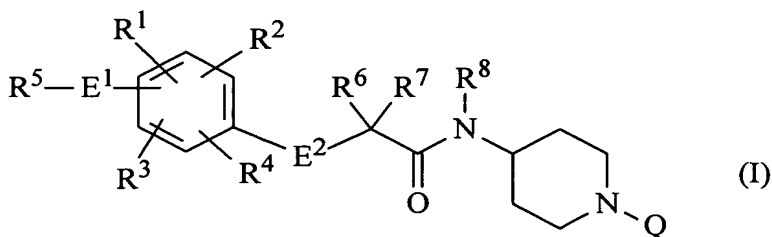
E² is oxygen atom or group -NR¹⁰ - (in which, R¹⁰ is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group which may be substituted);

Q is a group of -X-Y-Q', wherein X is a connecting bond, lower alkyl group, lower alkenyl group, or lower alkynyl group; Y is a connecting bond, or a group selected from the groups consisting of C=O, C(=O)NH, NHC(=O), -O-, -S-, CH(OH), -O-CH(OH)- and -O-CH₂-CH(OH)-, in which hydrogen atom of amido group may be substituted with lower alkyl group; and Q' is hydrogen atom or a cyclic group selected from the group consisting of phenyl group, pyridily group, quinolyl group, isoquinolyl group, benzothiazole group, benzimidazole group, morpholinyl group, and cyclic hydrocarbon group, wherein one or more of the hydrogen atoms in the cyclic group of Q' may be substituted;

either in the case that E² is the group -NR¹⁰ - then X and Y are both connecting bond and Q' is not hydrogen atom; or in the case that E² is the group -O- then all of the groups R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are methyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

~~The aminophenoxyacetamide derivative of formula (I) claimed in claim 1,~~ where Q' is a cyclic hydrocarbon group and said cyclic hydrocarbon group is cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl.

Claim 51 (Currently Amedened): An aminophenoxyacetamide derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein:

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are, independent from each other, hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group;

E¹ is group -NR⁹- (in which, R⁹ is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group);

E² is oxygen atom or group -NR¹⁰- (in which, R¹⁰ is hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group which may be substituted);

Q is a group of -X-Y-Q', wherein X is a connecting bond, lower alkyl group, lower alkenyl group, or lower alkynyl group; Y is a connecting bond, or a group selected from the groups consisting of C=O, C(=O)NH, NHC(=O), -O-, -S-, CH(OH), -O-CH(OH)- and -O-CH₂-CH(OH)-, in which hydrogen atom of amido group may be substituted with lower alkyl group; and Q' is hydrogen atom or a cyclic group selected from the group consisting of phenyl group, pyridyl group, quinolyl group, isoquinolyl group, benzothiazole group, benzimidazole group, morpholinyl group, and cyclic hydrocarbon group, wherein one or more of the hydrogen atoms in the cyclic group of Q' may be substituted;

either in the case that E² is the group -NR¹⁰- then X and Y are both connecting bond and Q' is not hydrogen atom; or in the case that E² is the group -O- then all of the groups R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are methyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

~~The aminophenoxyacetamide derivative of formula (I) claimed in claim 1,~~ wherein Q' is an unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic group and said unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic group is morpholinyl.